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Acalanes Calendar

Dec. 20—Christmas program.
Dec. 21-Jan. 5—Christmas vacation.
Jan. 10—Wrestling—Del Valle V & JV Basketball at Alhambra Frosh here
Jan. 14—V & JV Basketball — Miramonte, here
Jan. 17—Basketball—Del Valle Wrestling—Miramonte
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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FEATURES MATCH GIRL AND CAROLS

Acalanes will give a Christmas gift to the community on Friday, December 20, at 8:00 p.m. The gift will be the annual Christmas Program given by the Music and Dance Departments.

Dance Group, under the leadership of Miss Millicent Hamburger, will dance the story of "The Little Match Girl." "The Little Match Girl" is the story of a poor girl who tries to sell matches on an icy Christmas Eve. She lights some matches to keep herself warm, and visions herself dancing around a Christmas tree with other children and choosing toys in a toy shop appear to her. The Little Match Girl is finally overcome by the cold, dies and ascends to Heaven. The Little Match Girl will be danced by Carolyn Cory, and the Match Girl in the visions will be danced by Karyn Daniels.

The vocal part of the Music Department, under the direction of Mr. Richard Hansen, will perform traditional carols, such as "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Good King Wenceslas." Performing groups will be: A Cappella Choir, Concert Choir (including A Cappella and Mixed Chorus), Girls Ensemble, and Boys and Girls Chorus. In the Grand Finale a total of 320 persons will be participating, 260 in the singing, and 60 in the band.

Conducted by Mr. Elvo D'amante, the Acalanes Orchestra and Band will perform many pieces that express the spirit of Christmas. The Symphonic Band will play traditional pieces, such as White Christmas, Sleigh Bells, and Christmas Festival, and a new arrangement, Christmas Party. The Baroque Orchestra will play songs from the Baroque period. Mr. D'Amante has this to say about the Christmas Program: "I would like to thank the seniors who will be participating in this, theri last Christmas Program at Acalanes. I know that this Christmas will be their best ever. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Carolyn Cory, the Little Match Girl, reaches for the star.

Home Ec Classes Sponsor Open House

On December 19, the home economics classes once again held their annual open-house of Christmas displays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the home economics room.

The students had been working on the displays for three weeks under the direction of Miss Carmichael, home economics teacher. The displays included decorated package-wrappings, different holiday foods, both foreign annd American, Christmas decorations, and foods and decorations depicting the Jewish Christmas, Chanukah.

Both parents and students were able to see the displays. The room was open most of the day and students visited the room during their study periods or in-between classes.

AMERICAN WOOL COUNCIL HOLDS ANNUAL CONTEST

The annual "Make it Yourself With Wool" contest, sponsored by the American Wool Council was held Saturday, December 7. This was the district contest, and was held on the University of California campus at Davis. Thirty-two girls from Acalanes participated.

Over half of the contestants being judged at Davis were from Acalanes. This is an unusual number for any one school to have, and something to be proud of. The girls began in Septemeber, making either a suit, a coat, or a dress (some made a coat and suit ensemble) for the contest. The outfit had to be made of 100 per cent wool, but there were no other specific requirements. The time limit and stiff competition (within each classroom) were often the greatest trials. The Grand Prize (National winner) is a 14 day Carribean trip; there are many lesser scholarships and awards along the way, but each girl gains added experience, a sense of accomplishment, and a beautiful outfit just by entering.

Acalanes girls won 19 out of 20 possible awards. Special recognition was given to Nancy Hicks and Jeanie Olson who will go on to the state competition. Other winners were: Honorable Mention — Diane Hamaker, Nancy Hicks, Alice Hink, Kathy Johnson, Judy Lientz; Best Suit — Nancy Hopper, Yvonne Mecchi; Best Dress — Alice Hink, Sherry Rossi, Nancy Silla; Best Coat— Leslie Hillyer, Nancy Silla; Out-

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Students and Faculty Compete in Noon Volleyball

Clubs, classes, and the faculty will be competing for a championship title in a volleyball tournament scheduled for the near future.

The games are to be held weekly at noon. They will provide FREE entertainment for all those interested in attending.

Participants will include teams from each class, a faculty team, and teams from various clubs. Some of the probable clubs to participate are: Block A, Rally, Los Amigos, The Ski Club, and Aklan.

S. C. MEMBERS WEAR PINS

There is a controversy on campus as to the identification of Student Control members, who are on duty in the library at noon and at the cafeteria lunch line. Student Control members will now be wearing pins that will identify them while they are on duty. The members will only be allowed to wear the pins while on duty.

It has been decided the pins will be as large as a quarter and will have ACALANES STUDENT CONTROL printed on them.

French Theme Sets Mood of Annual Fleur de Lys Party

Saturday evening, December 21, Fleur de Lys will hold its annual Christmas party. This party is for the members of Fleur de Lys; therefore all conversations will be carried on in French. The food and decorations will have a French theme and there will also be guest speakers. The President of French Alliance in San Francisco has been invited as well as many former Fleur de Lys members.

There are many traditions associated with the Christmas party. There will be a burning log, which, unlike its name, is a type of French food. There will be authentic French singers and the members will have an opportunity to sing Christmas carols in French. One tradition is no longer in existence. Previously, the members of French III were initiated at this time;, but this ceremony will not be performed until May.

NEW LIGHTS ---- INSTALLED

A new dimmer-control system and new light circuits have been installed in the Acalanes stage. Mr. Lou Ures, electrician, was in charge of installing the several-thousand-dollars-worth of equipment.

The new system was to be completely installed by Friday, December 13, 1963. The new lighting system plus the new sound system which has also been installed will give maximum technical performance for the stage.

The need for a new system at Acalanes was great because the previous lighting system was 24-years-old and was reported as being so out-dated that is wasn't completely safe. The Acalanes Unified School District paid for the new equipment.

Mr. Bruce Reeves, who acted as advisor to the installation of the system, is in charge of lighting and sound at Acalanes.

Kathy and Film Stars Enjoy Mexico

Senior Kathy Burt can certainly be counted among the Acalanes students who enjoyed the Thanksgiving vacation. Kathy spent the week in Puerto Vallarta in the midst of such Hollywood personalities as Richard Burton, Liz Taylor, Michael Wilding, Ava Gardner, and Sue Lyon, who were in Mexico for the filming of **The Night of the Iguana.**

The villa in which the Burts stayed was located between the villas of Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor and Ava Gardner, overlooking Gringo Gulch.

Kathy reported that after shooting for the day was over, Liz and Richard would journey up the river on the "Taffy" for a night of partying.

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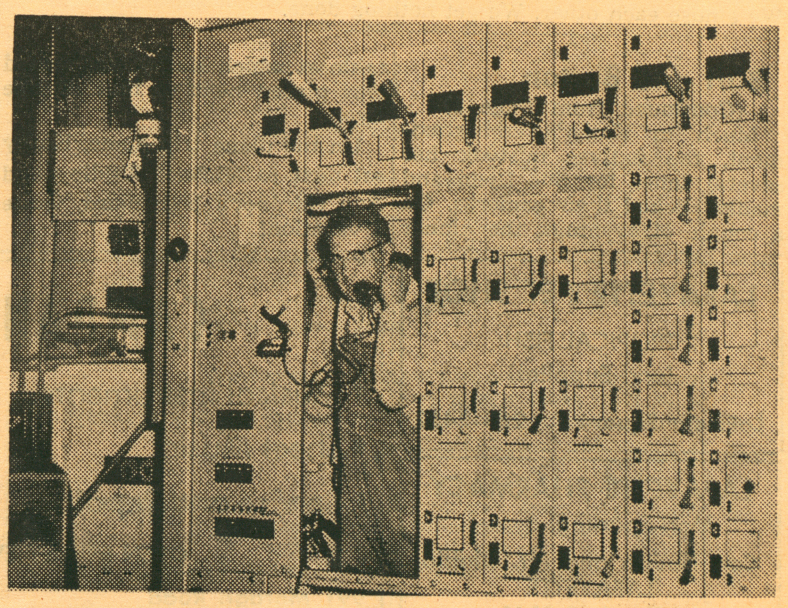

Several thousand dollars worth of new lighting equipment has just been installed in the old gym.

THIS IS ACALANES

BY BIX WHITCOMB

Christmas doesn't exist until you start to shop. That means its existed for about two months now, if you follow the advertising:

"Buy Christmas gifts now. Avoid the Thanksgiving rush."

"Special pre-Thanksgiving Christmas stock-reduction inventory anniversary sale. Prices slashed on feather boas, whalebone girdles, and high-button shoes."

Then some just say, "Birthday Sale."

We see these ads, then push our way into the store. It's crowded three weeks before Christmas. We think to ourselves:

Let's see . . . Bubble gum for sis, case of Metrecal for Mom. Dad—he buys me big presents—so I'll get him this fancy-lookin' thing. Grandma? Na, she's not buying **me** anything.

Now for the real considerate gifts . . . " 'scuse **me,** ma'am"—I'll get cards. "Let me squeeze in here, mister."

Darnit! No **big** cards. "Get off my **foot,** mister." Oh, it's you, Jim. Ha ha. Merry Christmas. Ha ha."

"Merry Christmas."

"Happy New Year, Jim."

"Happy New Year."

"Best of the season to you, Jim."

"Yeah."

"Well, Jim, gotta buy my honey some jewelry, perfume, flowers. The whole bit. Merry Christmas."

"Merry Christmas."

Here's all the stuff for my babe. $8.00. Guess I'll get Bobby this penny whistle. Hmm . . . wonder what he'll get me.

I'd better rush to get these packed and under the aluminum tree.

"Get out of the doorway, kid."

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Well, as I was saying, Christmas has been around for a long time.

Christmas is a sign of the times. Only four more shopping days 'til Christmas. Merry Christmas.

SAINT NICK EXISTS. A church in northeast France has one of his knuckles to prove it. Peasants used to come for miles to see the knuckle and "chew the fat."

That is, they threw street dances and festivals that would last for days or weeks.

Then enemies invaded and put the peasants to work. That ended Christmas for the peasants. But this German saint's knuckle in France in a Roman church, is still there.

We may no longer "chew the fat," however, because the modern age has invaded and put us fun-loving peasants to work.

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CAFETERIA SCOREBOOK: One girl has found the way to get the fullest yet the safest use of the caf.—bring a can of Metrecal. Then, if you like to take chances, there are the new woodchip potatoes. **There are no preservation, sanitation or cooking problems.** Just heat the chips in the water they're soaked in.

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LITERARY LIMBO: Somehow, I just can't get Miss Fletcher to exhibit any of the books I've written for her. She holds them too dear. She wouldn't even show them to her grandma, or her cousin, 147 times removed. Anyway, this week's efforts have been redoubled: **Vat 69** or **Catch Her in the Rye; Kathy's Crudies** or **Maraglia Magnitude; Gourmet's Failure** or **A Waist of Years.**

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A-MAYES-ING: Students squealed as the torrent shook room 108. Sandy Lee ducked a flying leg. Mr. Mayes, calmly replacing his handkerchief, said, "Sorry, Sandy. Everytime I sneeze my leg jumps like that."

"And, class, if you don't quiet down, next time I'll **aim.**"

Silence.

Mr. Mayes amuses his sixth period class so much that "Every week we fall two weeks behind."

And then the class amuses itself:

"Mike Seaman, who is Eustacia in this book?"

"A 28-year-old babe who's hard up."

"No. She's only 19."

He Hee.

"Get serious, class, and don't **talk** while I'm **interrupting.**"

Heee Hee He.

The book says Eustacia has two matchless lips. That **doesn't** mean they **don't** match."

Hee Ha.

"They're so matchless that Clym kisses them 'There, and there, and there.' "

Hee Ha Ho.

Period six is a-Mayes-ing. We laugh a lot. We amuse ourselves. We amuse each other. We get nothing done.

Burt and Burton

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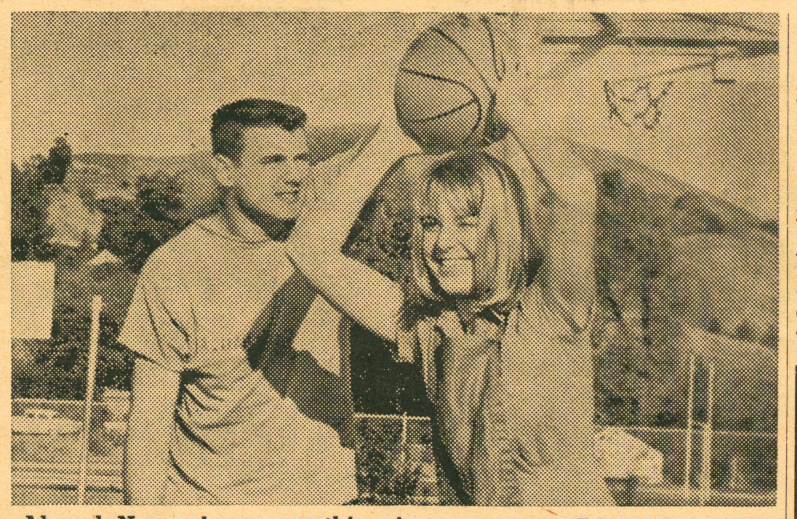
Much to Kathy's embarrassment, the natives mistook her several times for Sue Lyon and madly clicked their cameras. On a couple of evenings, the dinner table at which Kathy was seated was placed next to that of Sue Lyon.

On the plane trip home, Kathy sat next to Michael Wilding and Ava Gardner's bodyguard. Quite a vacation!



Al and Nancy have something in common — 7th period P.E. Nancy makes a pass while Al defends.

Senior Profiles

Nancy Nagy's big brown eyes twinkled wickedly.

"Do I have any pets? Why of course — my baby brother! He thinks he's boss. I also have a dog, but she doesn't count."

Nancy is well known among her friends at Acalanes for her humor and off-beat personality and ideas. For example her hobbies include "picking my nose, poetry, doing my brother's paper route, swimming (specializing in the 50-yard deck run), and talking with a phony accent."

Nancy is also an accomplished artist. She most enjoys painting with oils, and has done several interesting pictures.

Her activities have included Rally Committee, and "that radical group I was vice president of last year, Student Forum. Since then it has gone underground."

She is also a member of CSF. "I might be a member now, but I don't know what is happening after that!"

This year, Nancy is taking American Government, Great Books, Physiology, German IV, and French I. She has had a few minor problems with taking two foreign languages, though.

"I keep on getting 'em mixed up!"

After graduation, Nancy is going to live in Sweden. She will stay with Kristina Nilzen, who was a student at Acalanes last year. In Sweden, Nancy will work in a bakery which is owned by Kristina's grandfather.

Why, Nancy, won't you get fat on all those Swedish pastries?"

"Not fat," she laughed, "only fat-TER!"

In two years, after her return to the United States, Nancy plans to attend the University of California at Berkeley. She wants to become a high school German teacher.

It's no surprise to anyone that AL BARTOLOZZI is a member of Block A. Just about everyone knows Al is number 30 on the football team. This was his second year on varsity, and he received honorable mention on the All-League team. He was terribly nervous during this interview because after school that day was his first wrestling meet. Randy Angella wasn't very encouraging when he told Al that he shouldn't worry because only lousy wrestlers get pinned.

Al, also, was on the J.V. baseball team last year and plans to go out again this spring. Besides, or maybe because of, all this he **never** parts with his letter sweater. Someone accused him the other day of sleeping in it!

Al admitted that some of the things he likes best are football, swimming, dancing, waterskiing, and eating Italian food. His life seems to center around eating and sports . . . and possibly girls! You see, his favorite spare time activities are duck hunting and girl-watching! If you don't believe they conflict just ask Kathy Nordmeyer . . . she's developing a strong aversion to Al's feathered friends!

Foggy weather, he said, makes him think . . . . he **didn't** say of what! Al also hates to be cooped up, as in cities. Judging from his activities, it wouldn't be possible for him to remain in one long. He likes just "everybody," as his quick grin will reveal.

It is a little surprising to hear of Al's future plans. After college, he would like to be a bookkeeper or an accountant. It may be interesting to see what happens.

EXCUSES, EXCUSES

Please excuse my son's absence yesterday. He had a fiddle lesson at that time. Signed, Mrs. Nero.

I would appreciate it if you would excuse my son John. He broke his leg at the movies last night. Signed, Mrs. Booth.

My daughter, Marie, won't be back to school. There has been an awful incident at her hairdresser's. Sincerely, Mrs. Antoinette.

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EDITORIALS:

Christmas — A Commercial Enterprise!

By JERRY BADER

The true meaning of Christmas is being hidden beneath the superficial cloak of gift-giving and receiving, eating, and relaxing on the holiday. Christmas has become a commercial enterprise and little time during the day is given to pause and reflect or meditate, just for a MOMENT, on what is behind all the bright Christmas lights, ornaments, and the traditional turkey dinner "with all the trimmings." Or it could be that the meaning of Christmas hasn't changed but the people have.

Everyone likes to wake up Christmas morning with the knowledge that a pile of presents is under the "tree" awaiting the "grand opening." Even though you honestly feel that momentary warm glow within you when buy a present for someone else, it's ALWAYS nice to RECEIVE. So why damn the practice? I am not condeming a custom that has existed for 1,963 years. I am denouncing the fact that people are losing sight of the fact that it really and truly IS better to give than receive. But this sentiment is slowly on the way out.

People give gifts to "the family and true friends" only because it is traditional or because it promotes good business relations, rather than as an emotional expression.

How much money to spend on a gift always raises a problem. Then you say to yourself, "Hmmmm . . . wonder how much Phil N. paid for the — last year? Guess I'll buy 'm somethin' in the same price category." What type of Christmas spirit does it exemplify when you buy dollar-for-dollar and gift-for-gift. Then, to top it all, many people are busy **exchanging** a week after Christmas. Invariably (believe it or not) I can say that MONEY is given as a gift when the "proper present" just wasn't available or couldn't be thought of. Why is it that people still do not understand that it's not the present that counts at all, but that it is merely the expression of love and thoughfulness that counts.

Christmas-time has turned into a commercial enterprise. Stores capitalize on the Christmas rush. All around town there is competition to cut prices and thus give you a "big bargain" on the "buy-now, pay-and-worry-later plan." Then too, you see it on TV. Everything from candied apples to toy zebras are advertised as good choices for Christmas gifts. Who needs it!

The true meaning of Christmas has been obliterated beyond all recognition. It's not even considered satisfactory to decorate the inside of your home anymore, but you must string up yards of Christmas-tree lights on the outside so that all your neighbors know that "you have that wonderful Christmas spirit." But do you, really? Even this is not enough, anymore. You've got to have **bigger** Christmas trees and **bigger** presents and **bigger** this and bigger that. Why?

Thank goodness there is still hope. People still go to Christmas masses, or do they all? There are statistics which show that only a slight percent of people attend their respective churches on Christmas day.

Christmas cards are really the only thoughtful part of the Christmas spirit. They are a simple and an effective means of showing that you have not forgotten your friends. They show you are sincere without your having to buy a present.

So now, in the final anlysis, how does society measure up in regard to the true meaning of Christmas? In my opinion it is DISGRACEFUL! But kindly reflect. It may disturb you to read this, but there is truth in many of these accusations. Ponder a moment. THINK!

WHERE ARE OUR TALENTED?

Talent Show tryouts were held on Tuesday, December 3. Of approximately 1350 students at Acalanes, twelve students tried out. Is this the total sum of all the students who have some sort of talent? As a result of this lack of participation, Acalanes will not take part in the bi-annual event this fall.

Five acts were rather skimpy to comprise a whole show. Because of the apathy of most Acalanes students, those few who have special interests are deprived of the valuable experience of putting them to use on the stages of Acalanes and other nearby schools. There were a few excellent acts which the students of Acalanes would undoubtedly have enjoyed seeing. Hopefully, some of these people will try out again in the spring. Hopefully, more people will try out so that there will be a show.

MISS RATHERT

Feature Teacher — Miss Rathert

Miss Peggy Rathert, sophomore English teacher at Acalanes, has been teaching at Acalanes for the past three years.

Originally from the Midwest, Miss Rathert was born in Missouri. She grew up in St. Louis. There she attended St. Louis University and Missouri Valley College.

One year after her graduation she happened to read an advertisement in a local newspaper requesting teachers to fill a teacher shortage in California. Up to this time she had had no inclination toward a teaching career. At her father's suggestion she wrote a letter of application, even though she had taken no educational courses in college and had no previous experience as a school teacher.

Her application was accepted by an elementary school in Walnut Grove, California. She left Missouri on Labor Day and arrived in California on a Friday. She was teaching her first classes on the following Monday.

In California, she attended the University of San Francisco and the University of California where she received her California teaching credentials.

After her rather sudden start Miss Rathert has gone on teaching now for sixteen years. All of her sixteen-years experience has been in schools in California. Before she came to Acalanes and after teaching in Walnut Grove, Calif, she taught in various Orinda schools, including Pinegrove, for ten years.

Miss Rathert started teaching at Acalanes three years ago. She arrived at this school with the experience gained from having taught, for varying amounts of time, grades four, five, seven, and eight.

STUDENT DISAPPROVES NEW GYM

Dear Editor:

Something new was added to Acalanes this year, and everyone thinks it's just marvelous — except me! Not only is the new gym unnecessary, it is a hideous color, it's too big, and it's an eyesore. There already are three gyms at this school, without this new monster; the cafeteria, which has a stage, the girl's gym and the boys' gym, or old gym, which also has a stage. Why in heaven's name did this school find it necessary to say millions of dollars for another one?

And I think everyone knows, but won't admit that when our school colors are blue and white, yellow and purple just won't do.

Also, why in heaven's name is it so big and high? From the top row of the bleachers no one can see hardly any of the action on the floor, and the heat up there is horrible.

So if we must accept this monstrosity, at least we ought to admit that it is one, and then maybe something can be done; like painting it, putting up solid back boards so the boys can see what they're aiming at, lowering the bleachers, and maybe, someday we could give it away to a new school somewhere that needs a gym, doesn't look a gift horse in the mouth, and furthermore is dumb enough to accept it.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Nolan.

Feature Teacher Strikes Back

Aware of the incredible encroachments by insensitive and demanding teachers upon the free time of the students at Acalanes High School, I could readily understand the problem Bix faced when the BLUEPRINT deadline had passed him by and left him with a featureless Feature Teacher. Although I was that faceless anonymity, I decided that as a teacher, an individual responsible for the guidance of youth, I could only put aside any resentment I might have and show that some teachers are all heart. And so, in this glowings, dedicated frame of mind, I decided to interview Bix, to give voice to the students' attitudes, opinions, aspirations, and deep convictions.

Q. How did you happen to become a journalism student?

A. Etaoian Shrdlv

Q. Why did you pick Acalanes to attend as a high school student?

A. 6543() "!

Q. What is your opinion of the teachers here at Acalanes?

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Q. Have you noticed many changes at Acalanes in the nine years you've been here?

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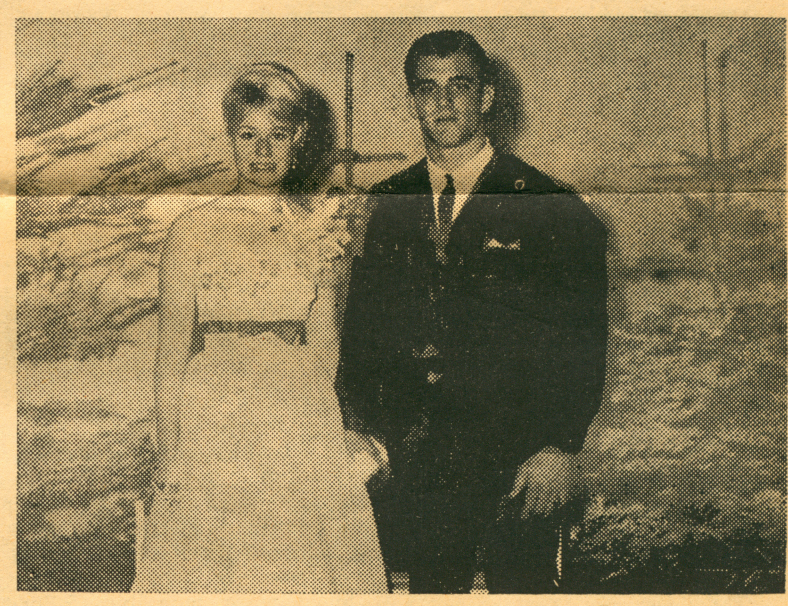
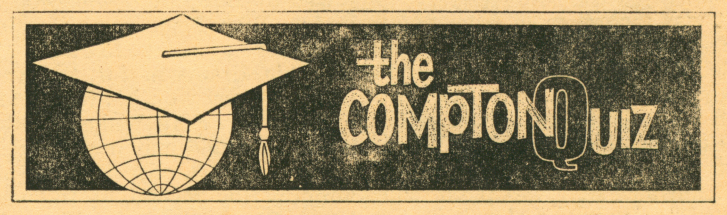
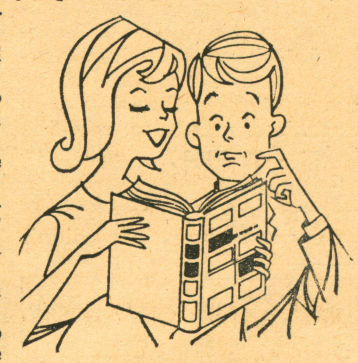


"Orchids in Snow," the Junior Prom was held Dec. 6.



Test your knowledge with these questions and answers from the pages of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia.

1. What animal makes a ten-ton elephant look small?
2. What is "Big Ben" and where is it located?
3. Who was the first woman to be elected to the United States Congress?
4. Why is Wisconsin called the Badger state?
5. What wife of a U.S. president was also his secretary?
6. What is the largest national park in the U.S.?
7. What is the oldest written material yet discovered?
8. What famous orator was too shy as a child to speak a piece in school?



1. A blue whale—can be over 100 feet long and weigh more than 150 tons.
2. The world's most famous tower clock, located on the Victoria Tower of the Houses of Parliament, London.
3. Jeanette Rankin, representative of Montana, 1917.
4. Named after early lead miners who lived in caves similar to burrows made by badgers.
5. Sarah Childress Polk.
6. Yellowstone—3,458 square miles.
7. A cuneiform tablet from the Sumerian city of Uruk (Erech), dating from about 3100 B. C.
8. Daniel Webster, America's most brilliant orator.

AMERICAN WOOL

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standing Construction—Carol Esser, Diane Hamaker; Most Creative Use of Fabric—Laurel Stanley. First place in the Sub-deb category (13-15) went to Becky Chamberlain.

Other Acalanes contestants were Carol Bates, Kathy Burt, Sherry Colbourn, Sue Denny, Jan Effinger, Melody Ferreira, Sue Gulley, Karen Klass, Vicky Larson, Louise Molyneaux, Cherie Olson, Kathy Reibin, Carolyn Rossi, Ginny Schomberg, Linda Sedan, Julie Smith, Cathy Steinbach, Julie Tucker, and Karen Wagner.

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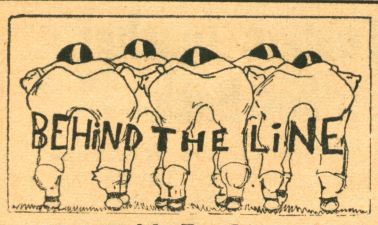


with Randy

Acalanes has a very proud heritage that it seemingly doesn't know about. Its wrestling team has managed for the last 7 years, to finish a season in no less than second place in the league, and that was only once, last year.

In the past, sparked by such outstanding wrestlers as Rich Butler, Jeff Davis, Denny Toll and Douglas Southworth, the Acalanes team has always meant toughness and outstanding ability to the other teams in the league. In fact the Acalanes team has always been considered the prime target of the league by the other teams. Mr. Mattson, who has coached the team for all of its seven years at Acalanes, has consistently produced a tough team.

The team consists of thirteen weight classes, ranging from 95 lbs. to unlimited weight. They are as follows; 95, 103, 112, 120, 127, 133, 138, 145, 154, 165, 175, 191 and unlimited. Each varsity-wrestler must be under these maximum weights before each match. Otherwise he is rseponsible for the 5 point loss to his team.

In a match the wrestlers begin the first round standing up. The referee begins the match and points are awarded for taking an opponent down and gaining control over him. The second round is started with one of the wrestlers on all fours while the other is over him. Points are awarded the man on the top for near pins and predicaments. The man on the bottom is awarded points for reversing control or breaking away from the man on top. The man on top has the job of breaking his man down annd pinning his opponent's shoulders to the mat for no less than two seconds. Penalty points are awarded an opponent if a wrestler is stalling, clasping his hands or doing such things as using a full Nelson or a toe to gain advantage over the other wrestler.

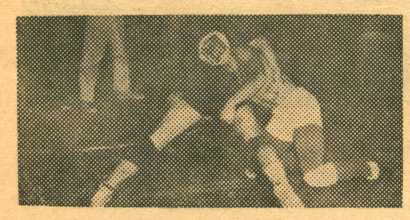
The rounds are of two minute length with three rounds constituting a full match. This is a six minute total and can seem like two or three years when you're wrestling a particularly strong opponent.

This year's team has many very fine men to watch. Steve Scott won the league last year in his weight class, Bob Lewis was also first in his weight class at the league meet. Rich Fisher will be winning most of his matches this year as will Bob Colburn and Mike Cheney. Gren Bruno has a fine chance of winning the league this year and Larry Gomez will do well in the heavy class, with Rich Underwood and Dave Toll probably splitting the unlimited weight class.

WRESTLERS FIGHT FOR FIRST TWO WINS

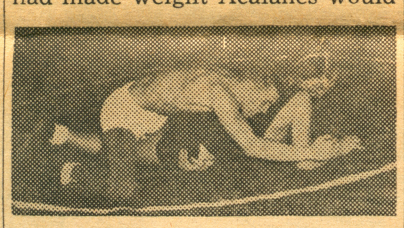
The Acalanes wrestling team managed to win its first two wrestling meets by very slim margins.

The first meet was with Hayward. In winning the meet by a score of 24-21 Acalanes defeated the Hayward team for Hayward's first defeat in four years. It was the first time Acalanes has ever won the meet since the annual dual meet with them was initiated several years ago. Last year's team from Hayward won third place in the state in individual competition.



It was a close meet from about the half way point. Acalanes failed to win a single match in the lower weights. Bob Colbourn won the first match for Acalanes by a decision, Stan Wakeman then won his match also by decision and Randy Angella continued the winning streak in the 165 lb. weight class. Larry Gomez won his first match of his wrestling career to put Acalanes ahead. In the 191 lb. weight class Acalanes lost by a fall which tied the meet and Rick Underwood won his unlimited match to win the meet for Acalanes.

It is interesting to note that before the actual meet one of the Hayward wrestlers didn't make weight. Acalanes as a result received the points for the match by forfeit. If the wrestler had made weight Acalanes would



not have won the meet. But since making weight is as important as the actual match Acalanes won the meet fairly.

College Park was the next wrestling meet. Again the opposing team managed to sweep the lower weights. The first four matches were won by College Park, with three of the wins by falls. Steve Scott was the first Acalanes man to win. He was followed by Bob Lewis who won his match. Rich Fisher was the next Acalanes wrestler to win, this was his first win for the year. Mike Cheney won his first match of the year. Stan Wakemen then won his second match of the year, followed by Randy Angella, also winning his second of the year. Larry Gomez then won his match by a fall. Acalanes again lost the 191 lb. match and Dave Toll then won the unlimited match and cinched the win for Acalanes.

Block 'A' Takes Trip Over-runs Stanford

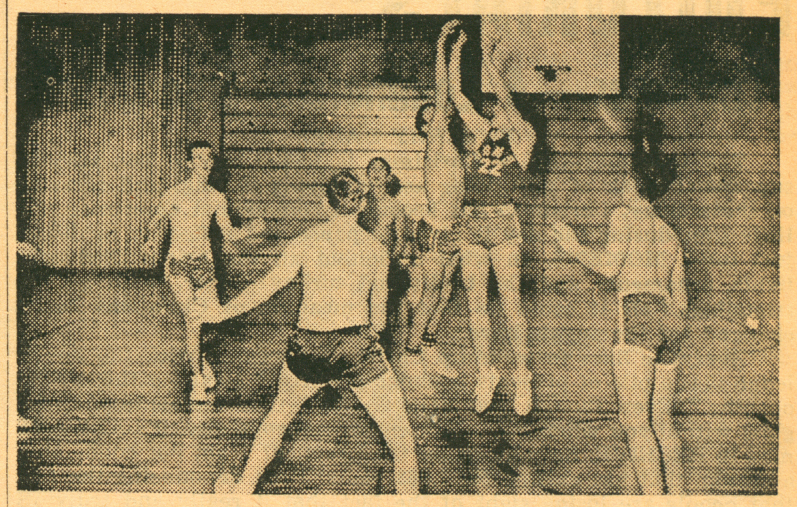
On Dec. 5th at 8:15 the Block A members under the advisorship of Mr. Warren, left for Stanford via school bus, for the purpose of acquainting our athletes with some of the facilities and coaches at the Stanford campus.

These trips to universities and colleges around the area has just been put into effect. Mr. Warren says, "We're just as good as C.S.F., so we can take trips too." Last year the Block A members visited the Cal campus and next year they have tentatively planned to go to San Jose State or U.O.P.

It is the intent of both Mr. Warren and the Block A to encourage membership by raising the prestige of the organization and making it a high honor to belong. As it is, the membership is growing rapidly, and in order to restrict membership to some degree, they find it necessary to vote in athletes.

The tour that Block A took of the Stanford campus was "interesting and a blast." The members went through the spacious gym as well as the training room. Then they went up to Hoover Tower which is a memorial to one of the members of the Stanford family. Inside are exhibited many historical documents. From the top of this 250 foot edifice the entire Stanford campus can be seen. In addition, the Block A was fortunate enough to visit the Freshmen dorms and Student Union. In Student Union they played some pool and bowled. At the end of the day most of the members agreed it was a terrific experience and a swell way to play "hookey" for a day.

The Acalanes block A is planning to expand their activities and take a more prominent role in school functions now that they have acquired new status as an official school function such as C.S.F. and A.F.S. The club is now considering a combination hootenanny and dance as their official function later in the year.



Basketball Team Wins One, Drops Two

The Acalanes Varsity in their first three games have a one win two loss record. In their first outing the Dons were confronted by a tough Vallejo five, who were outstanding on the boards. Despite fine efforts by Fred Seely with 14 points, Lee Newell with 12 points, Bob Strain with 11 points, and Tom Alexander scoring eight, the Acalanes Varsity couldn't quite pull off a win going into double overtimes. The final score was 56 to 53, however, the Dons coach, Bert Barnett, had a chance to see all of his players in action.

Acalanes second game was played against host San Leandro. Down seven points at half time the Dons finally came alive. Fred Seely sparking the rally with a barrage of 28 points. Greg Malley, the 6'7" junior center, displayed himself as he pumped in ten points. Lee Newell had nine while Dale Speyer, playing forward this game, wound up with eight. The final score ended at 65-60 giving the Dons their first vcitory of the 1963-64 Basketball season.

Against Pleasant Hill, the Dons couldn't quite keep a rally going and had to settle with a 60-50 deficit. High point man for the losers was Lee Newell, who bagged 16 points. In this game the Dons managed to lose control of the ball 26 times. This plus other basic mistakes led to a Pleasant Hill victory.

The Acalanes J.V.'s posessing good height and fine outside shooting, are setting the pace for a fast and tough basketball race.

In their first practice game against Vallejo, the Dons easily claimed victory, outscoring the Vallejo J.V.'s 38-18. High point man for the contest was Jim Tucker, with 15. Ken Short picked up eight, while Curt Shaw netted seven.

Against San Leandro, the Dons found themselves facing a tough and very tall team. Despite fine efforts from Tucker, with nine points, and Seely with seven, the Dons went down in defeat 35-34.

In their final outing, the J.V.'s whitewashed Pleasant Hill 51-32. Curt Shaw and Dave Shank each netted 13 points, while Jim Tucker got eight.

The Dons should prove to be a big threat in the Foothill league. Already they are 2 and 1, and their only loss came against a real tough team.

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